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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Clifford Newell

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting the California Office of Emergency Services Grant Award VW19330290 for the Nevada County Victim Witness Assistance Program for \$291,761.00 for the Period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and Amending Fiscal Year 2019-20 District Attorney Budget (4/5) Affirmative Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt the resolution accepting the grant award.

FUNDING:
The California Department of Emergency Services provides state VWA funds and Federal VOCA funds to all California counties. The funding cycle runs on the Federal calendar year from October thru September.

The budget amendment is only for the incremental amount of the award that was not budgeted for FY 2019-2020. A total of \$34,745.00 that will primarily be to fund a temporary victim advocate.

BACKGROUND:
The Victim Witness Program provides comprehensive services as specified in the California Penal Code Sections 13835-13835.5 to victims and witnesses of crime. The objective is to provide immediate crisis intervention and other comprehensive services for all victims and witnesses of crime whether the crime occurred in Nevada County or the victim or witness was a resident of Nevada County at the time they were harmed by a criminal act. The program strives for complete restoration of the victim's dignity, health and resources.

Program objectives are to improve response to crime victims and witnesses, enhance delivery of comprehensive services for sexual assault victims, child abuse victim, elder abuse victims and domestic violence victims by coordinating or participating in multi-disciplinary teams, inform victims of their constitutional rights and advocate on their behalf.

Item Initiated by: Denise Harben

Approved by: Clifford Newell

Submittal Date: October 30, 2019

Revision Date: